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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tom:

From time to time we hear a little about the organization in Defense that started out as a "cold war" committee and now apparently has some other name. Jack Irwin originally told the OCB luncheon meeting about the formation of this committee and you have referred to it in that forum and also in the Special Group meeting.

It strikes me that such a committee could be most useful to you in screening the ideas that must be produced in large numbers from within the Defense establishment. As I understand it, the emphasis is on actions that can be carried out overtly. It occurs to me, however, that you may also receive a number of worthwhile suggestions that would require covert handling to implement.

In such an event, it could be very helpful if you would consider making the proposal available to me. There is certainly no over-supply of useful ideas for effective action in the covert field and I am always more than receptive to suggestions of this nature. You personally are of course fully aware of the types of projects that we try to mount.

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I would be glad to discuss this further with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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